

As indicated in the remarks section, support for the base polymer being polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polyoxyethylated glycerol, dextran, colonic acids, poly  $\beta$ -amino acids or carbohydrate polymers may be found in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/850,675 at Page 30, line 16 to Page 31, line 23.

Rejection of Claims 15 and 45-47 and 50

Claims 15 and 45-47 and 50 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 36 of copending Application No. 08/482,283.

Applicants acknowledge the double patenting rejection and, after claims in either the present application or copending Application No. 08/482,283 are patented, stand prepared (if still necessary) to submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome any proper double patenting rejection.

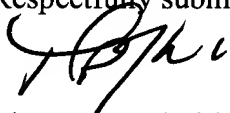
Rejection of Claims 15 and 45-58 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)/103(a)

Claims 15 and 45-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over WO 92/16221.

U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 07/669,862 and 07/850,675 are priority documents of WO 92/16221. Claims 15 and 45 to 58 are fully supported by the teachings of U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 07/669,862 and 07/850,675. Accordingly, the pending claims are not anticipated by or, in the alternative, obvious over WO 92/16221.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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